

Giants Seem to Like Their Damp Cellar, but Superbas Are More Ambitious

Pitching of Tesreau Just Suits Cardinals

Jeff Driven from Box in Seventh Inning and Rube, Too, Soon Seeks Shelter—

McGraw Banished by Rigler.

By HEYWOOD BROUN.

Bob Bescher, the versatile batter who used to strike out for John McGraw from either side of the plate, came back to the Polo Grounds yesterday with a lot of strange young men from St. Louis. They marred the afternoon by winning from the Giants by a score of 11 to 5.

Like Eugenia Kelly, Bob would have been all right by himself, but the company he brought with him was not to be endured. Jeff Tesreau walked right out on the crowd in the seventh inning and Rube Marquard discovered in less than an inning that he could not possibly associate with Mr. Bescher's companions. Poll Perritt, who had some previous acquaintance with the visitors, hobnobbed with them for a couple of innings just to keep up appearances.

But John McGraw was the most considerate of all. He was on hand to say "Hello" to Robert, but as soon as he caught sight of the men with him he simply left the grounds. In particular, McGraw took umbrage at the presence of Charles Rigler, a well-known itinerant brawler. Yet even in the case of Mr. Rigler there was nothing to criticize in the manners of McGraw. Rigler was one of the first men with whom the manager conversed, and he most certainly was the last person to whom McGraw spoke before disappearing under the stand.

Social justice was McGraw's theme. "I only want what's right," he said. Rigler merely yawned rudely and fumbled for his watch.

Bob Bescher and his friends stayed pretty well within bounds until the seventh, when they began to smash things. It may have been amusing at first, but they kept up the rampage until everybody's patience was tried and exhausted. Those Cardinals simply would not desist until they had scored seven runs.

Only a day or so ago John Lebert wrote in a newspaper article A golf ball is smaller than a baseball. Judging from the size of the sphere which Tesreau and Marquard tossed up for the batters there can be no gainsaying the statement. The ball which Willie Doak threw was regulation in size, but most unconventional in its actions.

Davey Robertson cut many a divot in the atmosphere as he swung and swung, but there were no scars. Nature, which abhors a vacuum, followed closely upon the heels of the aching void left in the trail of Davey's bat. Yet there was one hole which came upon more solid stuff than air. It belongs to Red Murray. A baseball may be a bit bigger than a golf ball, but there are times when it's said almost as well. And there was such a time in the sixth inning.

The wrists of Red, his arms, shoulders and back must all have been in that stroke, far from a waist high tee he drove the ball into the bleachers in deep left field. Two men were on base at the time and the home run put the Giants two runs ahead. Just before Murray's home run Fred Snodgrass entered the game to run for Larry McLean.

The substitution of the pinch base runner may have been the cause of the defeat. Snodgrass did nothing amiss. He scored all the way from first on Murray's drive into the bleachers. He made the journey in faster time than McLean could have accomplished it, yet it seems only fair to say that Larry himself might have been able to go the route. And Larry was missed.

Harry Smith took his place and with his coming the pitching effectiveness of Tesreau diminished. This may have been Smith's fault, but it's fact remains that the St. Louis batters took a great liking to everything for which he was called. Likewise they approved the shoots of Marquard and those of Perritt. The Cardinals took all sorts of chances on the bases, and the law of averages was not neutral, for most of them went through.

During the first five innings the game looked like a pitchers' battle. Later it was something else again, for it took two to make quartets.

Once introduced for this first period of the game, it was made by the Giants in the third inning. Tesreau singled to right and went to second when Burns hit safely to center. Doyle flied to Hyatt and Tesreau went to third after the catch. Butler fumbled Leber's grounder and Tesreau scored. On the next play Burns was out at the plate from Miller to Huggins.

This was the second time Burns had been nipped so close to home. He was caught in the first inning when he tried to score from second on Doyle's single to center. Wilson made the throw and it was good, but Burns had looked safe for all of that. It was this play which led to the expulsion of McGraw.

The one run lead was snatched away from the Giants in the sixth, when the Cardinals scored twice. Synder walked and Doak sacrificed from Tesreau to Brainerd. Huggins decided to keep up the bunting attack, and he placed a tantalizing roller on the first base line. It was a hit, but Tesreau added an error with a wild throw past first. Synder scored and Huggins reached

base.

The score follows:

PHILLIES RETURN TO TOP OF HEAP

Alexander Shuts Out Cubs, Allowing Only One Man to Pass Second.

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